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FROM AMBASSADOR VANDEN HEUVEL

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SUBJECT: PERSONNEL DEVELOPMENTS - UNITED NATIONS, GENEVA

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AS STATED IN OUR EARLIER CABLE (GENEVA 7226), WE THINK
THAT GIVING THE JOB OF CHIEF OF PERSONNEL FOR UNOG TO A
SOVIET NATIONAL WILL BE A MAJOR SETBACK, AND THAT EVERY-
THING POSSIBLE MUST BE DONE TO STOP IT. FROM U.S.
MISSION'S POINT OF VIEW, WE WOULD THINK THAT IT WOULD BE
ENTIRELY PROPER TO ARGUE IN THE MOST FORCEFUL TERMS
POSSIBLE THAT NEITHER SUPER POWER SHOULD HAVE ITS NATIONALS
IN TOP PERSONNEL SLOTS IN THE UN SYSTEM SINCE THESE TEND
TO BE KEY TO THE PLACEMENT OF PEOPLE IN OTHER IMPORTANT
POSITIONS. I WOULD PERSONALLY URGE, THEREFORE, THAT EVERY
STEP BE TAKEN TO IMPRESS UPON SYG WALDHEIM HOW STRONGLY WE
FEEL ABOUT THIS. WHEN I CONTEMPLATE EXPLAINING THE AP-
POINTMENT OF A SOVIET NATIONAL AS TOP PERSONNEL CHIEF TO
CONGRESSMEN INTERESTED IN UN PERSONNEL POLICIES, I FEAR
THAT OUR RESPONSE WILL NOT BE MET WITH EITHER CLARITY
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OR CHARITY. IN OUR JUDGMENT, SUCH AN APPOINTMENT IS TO-
TALLY UNACCEPTABLE. VANDEN HEUVEL

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